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For the Year ending February 20, 1862.

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To paid State Treasurer State Tax,	-	-	\$213 50
"    County Treasurer, -	-	-	538 75

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To paid the several School Districts :

District No. 1, John Copp,	\$97 32
do 2, George Gage,	45 00
do 3, John W. Mathes,	50 73
do 4, Alfred M. Moulton,	59 59
do 5, Hiram P. Mansur,	73 31
do 6, Turner N. Seward,	70 30
do 7, Joshua Brooks,	49 83
do 8, Thomas J. Dearborn,	62 60
do 9, Elijah Wadleigh,	118 15
do 10, James Tuttle,	47 56
do 11, Hiram R. Waldron,	26 39

Paid Andrew J. Lang Edmund B. Tebbetts' school money,	-	-	1 31
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Whole amount paid School Districts, \$762 09

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Paid for the support of Paupers at Almshouse for the year ending February 20, 1862.

To paid James Tuttle, in part, for services of Peter Cook and wife as superintendents of Town Farm, and for the support of paupers on said farm,	-	-	\$256 90
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Brought forward,	-	-	-	-	\$256 90
To paid Peter Cook for 24 weeks and 4 days board of Harriet Quimby, at 50 cents per week,	-	-	-	-	12 38
" Peter Cook, for boarding Roxana Page 22 weeks,	-	-	-	-	21 00
" Samuel W. Roberts, for medical services at almshouse :					
July 3, 1861, 1 bot. medicine,	-	-	-	-	\$0 33
Aug. 10, Visit and medicine for Harriet S. Quimby,					1 00
" 13, Attendance upon Roxana Page,					1 50
Sept. 23, Visit and medicine for Harriet S. Quimby,					1 00
" 25, Do do do					1 00
" 28, Do do do					1 00— 5 83
To paid Isaac D. Watson, for washing sink for alms- house,	-	-	-	-	1 50
" Do for putting up the same,					25
" Do for 3 3-4 lbs. lead pipe,					38— 2 13
" George Gage, for 35 lbs. nails, at 4½ cts.,					1 58
" John Wingate, for 12 yds. sheeting for Har- riet Quimby,	-	-	-	-	1 68
" Do for 1 pr. shoes, do					1 15— 2 83
Amount paid for support of paupers at almshouse,					<u>\$302 65</u>

Paid for support of Paupers not at Almshouse.

To paid Samuel S. Parker, for support of Miss Abby Wentworth,	-	-	-	-	8 00
" William Powell, for support of Thomas Young,	-	-	-	-	37 50
" Sally Allen, for support of child of Ben- jamin Allen,	-	-	-	-	27 00
" Paulina Corson, for support of child of Simpson P. Nutter,	-	-	-	-	26 00
" Ira Hanson, for boarding Harriet Quimby 5½ weeks, at two dollars per week,					11 00
" Isaac N. Fellows, for boarding Roxana Page 7 weeks, at one dollar per week,					7 00
" John Kennison, for do two weeks.					2 00
" Town of Wolfborough, for supplies fur- nished Charles H. Kimball,	-	-	-	-	27 70
" City of Dover, for supplies furnished Mrs. Evans and family,	-	-	-	-	36 70
" Oliver Seavey, for boarding Roxana Page,					<u>3 14</u>
Carried forward,	-	-	-	-	186 04

Brought forward, - - - - - \$186 04

To paid C. E. Swinerton, for goods furnished Rox-  
ana Page as follows :

4 1-2 yds. bleached cloth, at 12 cents per yd.,	56	
3 yds. white cambric, at 2 shillings	do	1 00
4 1-2 yds. cotton and wool flannel, 28	do	1 26
1 1-2 do all wool	do	2s do 50
1 1-4 do linen, at 50 cents	do	62
2 spools thread, at 5 cents per spool,		10
3 1-2 yds. diaper, at 12 1-2 cents per yard,		44
10 yds. sheeting, at 8 cents	do	80
1-4 lb. magnesia,	-	12
1 bottle olive oil,	-	12
1 skein cotton yarn,	-	03
		<hr/> 5 55

To paid Samuel H. Smith, for goods furnished  
Roxana Page, as follows :

1 yd. insertion,	-	-	-	03
4 yds edging,	-	-	-	12
1 1-4 yds. wool flannel, at 30 cents per yd.				38
				<hr/> 53

To paid Charles Chesley, complaint and warrant  
against Eben Corson, 2 00

" Do for trip to Middleton and services on said complaint,	-	-	2 00-4 00
" Hiram Paul, for arresting Eben Corson and conveying him to J. L. Pike's,			5 00
" John L. Pike, for services rendered in ar- resting Eben Corson,	-	-	3 00

Am't paid for support of paupers away from almshouse, \$204 12

Am't paid for support of paupers in alms-house, 302 65

Whole amount paid for paupers chargeable to town, \$506 77

### Paid for support of County Paupers.

To paid J. P. Bancroft, for support of Mrs. Ann  
Connolly, - - - - - 149 74

" Benjamin Dame, for boarding Moses Copp 21 weeks, at \$1 25 per week,		26 25
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" Benjamin Dame, for repairing boots three times for Moses Copp,	-	-	90
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" Mrs. Allen, for making two shirts for Mo- ses Copp,	-	-	50
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Carried forward, - - - - - \$177 39

Brought forward,	\$177 39
To paid John L. Swinerton, for medical services rendered Demay family,	4 51
" C. E. Swinerton, for groceries furnished Demay family, March 15,	4 17
" C. E. Swinerton, for cash furnished Demay family,	1 50
" Charles O. Barron, for board of family of Daniel Demay,	4 00
" Joseph Pike, for use of horse and sleigh and man to carry William Adams to alms-house,	1 00
" Samuel W. Roberts, for medical services rendered William Adams,	67
" George H. Wiggin, for expense of transient paupers	1 25
" C. E. Swinerton, for goods furnished Moses Copp,	10 92
" Joseph P. Swasey, for making clothes for Moses Copp,	3 87
" John L. Swinerton, for medical services rendered Moses Copp,	3 21
" Benjamin Dame, for boarding Moses Copp 8 weeks, November and December,	8 00
" William H. Willey, for boarding Moses Copp 8 weeks, at \$1 per week,	8 00—228 49
Amount paid for support of town paupers,	506 77
Total amount paid for support of paupers,	\$735 26

Paid for repairing Roads and Bridges for the year ending February 20, 1862.

To paid for repairing bridge at Mathes Mill as follows:	
Tibbetts & Brother, for 210 lbs. round iron for railing, at 3 cents per pound,	6 30
William B. Wentworth, for three days' labor,	2 00
Do for 1 pr. oxen 3 days drawing stone,	2 00—4 00
Alfred Young, for 7 days' labor, at 4s. pr. day,	4 67
Do 4 steers one day	67
Do 1 pr. steers 2 days,	1 00—6 34
Mark I. Allen, for 24 1-4 days' labor, 4s.,	16 17
Jonathan Young, for 2 days' labor,	1 34
Do 1 pr. oxen 2 days drawing stone,	1 33—2 67
Carried forward,	\$35 48



Brought forward,	\$35 48
Joseph S. Wentworth, for 25 1-2 days' labor, 4s.,	17 00
Do 1 pr. oxen 23 1-2 days,	15 67
Do use of wheels 20 days drawing stone,	3 00--35 67
John Mathes, for 12 days' labor,	8 00
Do 1092 ft. bridge stringers, \$17,	18 56
Do board, 112 meals,	11 29
Do use of rock wheels 4 days,	2 00
Do do derrick 21 days,	21 00
Do do tools and drill lost,	2 00--62 76
John B. Mathes, for one half day's labor setting up derrick,	34
John K. Tibbetts, for 8 days' labor on stone, at one dollar per day,	8 00
Trustees of G. F. & C. R. R., for freight of six bars of iron,	25
John W. Mathes, for carting iron from Union to Mathes' Mill,	40
S W. Dearborn, for 13 1-2 days' labor, laying stone, at two dollars per day,	27 00
James Young, for 17 days' labor, at 4s	11 33
Do 1 pr. oxen 5 1-2 days,	3 67--15 00
Daniel S. Davis, for 7 1-2 days' labor, at 4s.,	5 00
Rufus Hanson, for 6 3-4 days' labor, at 4s.,	4 50
Peter C. Young, for 9 1-2 days' labor drawing stone,	6 33
Do 1 pr. oxen 7 days	4 67
Do board, 26 meals,	2 60
Do damage to land in drawing stone,	1 50--15 10
Moses S. Allen, for 1 1-2 day's labor, at 4s.,	1 00
Daniel W. Emerson, for 25 3-4 days' labor, at 4s.,	17 17
Bela Townsend, for boy rafting timber,	33
Do 2 days drilling stone,	1 33
Do sharpening tools and for use of same,	33--1 99
John S. Lang, for drawing cart from Great Falls canal and for one day on bridge,	1 25
John Mathes, for 295 ft. joist for bridge railing,	1 62
William A. Maleham, for 22 3-4 days' work splitting stone, at \$1 25 per day,	28 44
Tibbetts & Co.,	1 53
Express bill,	13
John T. Varney, for sharpening 13 drills,	20
Do repairing wedges,	13
Do 1 1-2 pr. half rounds,	25
Do drawing 8 drills, at 10 cents each,	80--31 48
Carried forward,	\$264 01

Brought forward,	-	-	-	\$264 01
David W. C. Wentworth, for 11 days' work, self				
and oxen,	-	-	-	7 34
Paul Wentworth, for 7 3-4 days' labor, at 4s.				5 17
Daniel Brackett, for 31 1-2 days' labor, at \$1,				31 50
Hiram Paul, for use of box for hoisting rocks and				
gravel with derrick,	-	-	-	1 00
Ebenezer Garvin, for 11 days' labor, at \$1,				11 00
James Garvin, for boarding William A. Maleham				
and Ebenezer Garvin 1 week each,				3 00
Samuel H. Smith, for 4 lbs. nails for bridge railing,				18
Pine River Lumber Co., for stone,	-	-	-	5 00
Timothy Davis, for smith work,				2 22
Do repairing drills, wedges and chains,	10	34	-	12 56
Asa Beacham, for 1294 ft. bridge plank, \$15 per M.	19	41		
John Mathes, for self and boys moving stone, gravel				
and logs,	-	-	-	1 00
Asa Beacham, for four hands one half day moving				
logs from abutment,	-	-	-	2 00—
Whole am't paid for repairing bridge at Mathes Mill,				\$363 17
To paid John K. Tibbetts, for repairing highway in				
district No. 3 :				
June. 1 1-2 day's labor,	-	-	-	1 13
Oct. 1 day's labor,	-	-	-	67
Nov. repairing culvert,	-	-	-	50—2 30
" Paul Wentworth, for repairing bridge in				
district No. 4,	-	-	-	25
" Noah Horn, for furnishing 4 plank, and re-				
pairing bridge in No. 7,	-	-	-	1 00
Andrew G. Hall, for 654 ft. bridge plank used in				
district No. 29, at \$8 per M.				5 23
" Jonathan Woodman, for 234 feet bridge				
plank,	-	-	-	3 27
" Asa W. Hill for railing bridge,				50
" Do. repairing highway,	-	-	-	50—1 00
" Asa Beacham, for gravelling Mathes' Dam,				9 34
" Isaac D. Watson, for working Adam Brown's				
nonresident highway tax,	-	-	-	3 25
" John Mathes, for 1 1-2 days labor gravel-				
ing dam,	-	-	-	1 50
" Daniel Brackett, for 355 ft. bridge plank,				
at \$8 per M.	-	-	-	2 84
Do 39 ft.	-	-	-	31—3 15
John W. Mathes, May 14, for 6 days' labor, self				
and oxen, carting gravel on Mathes Dam,				6 00
Do 3 1-2 hours work repairing bridge,				40—6 40—
Carried forward,				\$36 69

Brought forward,	-	-	-	36 69
Asa Beacham, for 276 ft. bridge plank for district No. 28	-	-	-	1 92
Daniel Brackett, for 2 days' work grading Mathes dam,	-	-	-	2 00
George H. Wiggin, for hauling plank and repairing bridge in district No. 5,	1 00	-	41 61	
Whole amount paid for repairing roads and bridges,				\$404 78

Paid on Outstanding Bills due prior to Feb. 20, 1861.

To paid Alvah H. Sawyer amount declared due him and interest, - -	200 90
" Freeman Chamberlain, for damages sustained by Ada B. Chamberlain, in being thrown from wagon near Copp Mill bridge, in June, 1860,	75 00
" Do 10 months interest on the same,	3 75
" John F. Roberts for printing town accounts for 1860, - -	30 00
" Jacob A. Chesley, and Hiram Paul, for amount of school house tax belonging to school district No. 2, in the nonresident list of taxes for 1860,	17 77
" Warren Nutter, for land taken for widening highway, - -	13 50
" Samuel G. Wentworth, for balance of school money due district No. 6,	47 86
" James McN. Cook, for balance of school money due district No. 3,	17 54
" James Tuttle, for balance on services of Peter Cook and wife for the year ending April 14, 1861,	81 16
" Stephen Adams, for visit and medicine for Rhoda K. Witham,	2 00
" George L. Wentworth, for note and int.	41 00
" John Clark, for Mary B. Clark, note and interest, - - -	105 08
" Charles W. Page, for amount of school money due district No. 1, for the year 1860, - - -	52 13
Carried forward, - - -	-



Brought forward,		\$687 69
To paid Aziah C. Willey, for am't of school house taxes in the nonresident tax for the year 1860,		3 60
To paid Joseph Smith, for 5 7-15 days work on highway in 1860,		4 00
" Chesley Jenness, for repairing highway,		63
" Andrew Whittemore, for boards and wood in 1859,		4 46
" D. W. C. Wentworth, for labor on highway in 1860,		1 50
" Adam Brown, for nonresident highway tax for 1860,		1 64
" Jonathan Woodman, for bridge plank and repairing bridge,		2 68
" John W. Sanborn, note and interest,	120	72
" Isaac T. Clark, for services as Collector for 1859,		18 00
" Joseph Pray, for Adam Brown's nonresident tax list for the year 1856,		2 12
" Isaac N. Fellows for the following abatements on his list of taxes for the year 1856:		
Chesley Jenness,		25
John A. Mordough,		2 50
John L. Perkins,		1 37
Joseph W. Sanborn,		52
William H. Wentworth, (paid in Mass)	1	54
Alpheus Weeks,		32
Daniel Young, jr.,		1 54—8 04
To paid Isaac T. Clark the following abatements on his list of taxes for the year 1859:		
William H. Allen,		1 45
John R. Brown, (paid in Mass)		1 45
Robert S. Corson,		1 88
Stephen M. Deshon,		1 56
James F. Horn,		1 45
John A. Plummer,		1 45
William J. Jenness,		1 45
John D. Waldron, (paid in Mass)		1 45
Stephen Waldron,		45
Lyman Wentworth,		1 62
Simon M. Young, (paid in Mass)		1 45
James Garvin, (over taxed)	2	00—17 66

Carried forward,

\$872 74

Brought forward, - - - \$872 74

To paid Isaac T. Clark the following abatements  
on his list of taxes for the year 1860,

Josiah Allen,	-	-	1 54
Joseph H. Allen, 2d,			1 54
Mark I. Allen,	-	-	99
Noah M. Allen,	-	-	1 54
Abner Alley,	-	-	1 54
Charles E. Ames, (paid in Mass)			1 54
Susan Archibald,	-	-	76
Charles Bickford,	-	-	1 54
David F. Brackett, (paid in Mass)			1 54
Joseph Brewster,	-	-	1 54
David Campernell,	-	-	1 64
Nathan Chick,	-	-	1 54
Eben G. Deshon,	-	-	1 54
Stephen Deshon,	-	-	1 54
Stephen Waldron,	-	-	1 69
Gilman P. Dore, (paid in Mass)			1 54
Great Falls Manufacturing Company,			12 90
Nathaniel D. Farnsworth,			1 54
Nathaniel Garland,	-	-	3 46
Ambrose Harmon,	-	-	1 54
John E. Hodgman,	-	-	1 54
John Jenness,	-	-	1 54
Aaron Nichols,	-	-	1 54
William B. Reynolds,	-	-	1 73
Daniel H. Sanborn,	-	-	1 54
Hiram Seavey,	-	-	1 54
Sabrina Wade,	-	-	64
John D. Waldron, (paid in Mass)			1 54
William Wallace,	-	-	1 66
Isaac Welch,	-	-	2 00
Ezra Wentworth, (paid in Mass)			1 54
Lyman Wentworth,	-	-	1 63
Joseph L. Wiggin,	-	-	1 54
Benjamin Witham,	-	-	1 29
Simon M. Young, (paid in Mass)			1 54-65 81

To paid Samuel H. Smith, for the proportion  
of the ministerial fund due the Con-  
gregational Society for the year 1860, 17 91

" Adam Brown, for hay furnished the town  
farm in the year 1857. 25 00

" Moses Perkins, for part of ministerial fund  
for the year 1860, 5 97

Carried forward,                      \$987 43

Brought forward,	-	\$987 43
To paid John Farnham, for part of ministerial fund for 1860,		5 97
" Ira Taggart, for the Methodist proportion of the ministerial fund for the year 1860,		17 91
" George H. Wiggin, for expenses of auditors, 1861,		1 00
" Asa Beacham, for 4 cords wood delivered Peter Cook, at 25 cents per cord,		1 00
" John W. Mathes, for furnishing watering places 22 months prior to Feb, 20, 1861,		5 50
Amount paid on outstanding bills due prior to Feb. 20, 1861,		\$1018 81

Paid on Sundry Bills for the year ending Feb. 20, 1862.

To paid John W. Sanborn, for taking affidavits of Eliza Brown and William Adams,	1 00
Do of W. P. Sargent,	50—1 50
" Alvah H. Sawyer, for 1 day as referee in relation to Marston Ames' horse case,	1 00
" John Mathes, for 3 meals for referees,	60
" Do for horse keeping,	12— 72
" Edwin A. Hills, for printing check lists, (14 copies)	6 00
" Express bill on same,	13—6 13
" John W. Mathes, for furnishing watering places one year,	3 00
" P. H. Walker & Co., for 1 Colt's revolver for Wm. H. Lane,	14 93
" Pine River Bank, interest on note,	9 20
" Hiram P. Mansur, for part of ministerial fund for the year 1861,	5 97
To paid Marston Ames, for damages sustained by horse at Mathes dam,	20 00
" Thomas J. Dearborn, for watering-place for the year 1861,	3 00
" Joseph S. Wentworth, for Edward G. Hanson and Mark Remick, one half day as witnesses in Marston Ames case	1 00
" Asa Beacham, for sawing shingle,	1 50
Do for 500 feet boards,	4 00—5 50
" David W. Parshley, for examining Strafford County records from 1809 to 1826,	2 00

Carried forward,

\$ 73 95



Brought forward,		\$ 73 95
To paid Charles Chesley, for interest on \$90, 8 months and 20 days,	3 90	
“ James A. Chesley, for 1-2 quire paper,	13	
Do 1 pair wool socks for M. Copp,	50	
Do 1 quire paper,	20	
Do 1 Broom,	25—1 08	
“ E. J. Lane, for collector's book,	62	
Do 2 quires surveyors' blanks,	1 00—1 62	
“ S. H. Smith, for 1-2 quire paper,	12	
Do stationery,	16	
“ Do half pound candles,	07	
“ Do one quart kerosene oil,	20	
“ Do wood furnished selectmen at office, - -	33	
“ Do 1½ quires paper and pens,	45—1 33	
“ Daniel Brackett, for blank inventory books, - -	52	
“ Do express on steel,	13— 65	
“ Charles Chesley, for one day's work as town clerk, (checking list)	1 00	
“ C. E. Swinerton, for supplies furnished Mrs. Hosea Runnels:		
1 gallon molasses, - -	33	
1 pound saleratus, - -	07	
10 yds. sheeting, - -	1 50	
2 quarts kerosene oil, - -	38	
1 kerosene chimney, - -	10	
1-2 cord wood, (sawed) - -	1 50	
26 lbs. flour, - -	1 00	
1-2 bushel corn, - -	44—5 32	
To paid Stephen D. Hutchins, for John Gerry's nonresident tax,	41	
“ Do for nonresid't tax on Sanborn lot,	1 31—1 72	
“ Rose Pike, for nonresident tax for land taxed to owners unknown,	1 56	
“ Ebenezer Garvin, for interest on \$300 for two months - -	3 00	
Amount paid on Sundry Bills, - -		\$95 13
Paid for services of Town Officers.		
To paid Nathaniel Barker, as superintending school committee, - -	22 00	
Carried forward, - - - -		\$22 00

Brought forward,	-	-	-	\$22 00
To paid Samuel H. Smith, for services as town clerk:				
Posting notices and drawing jurors for Ap'l term,	1	10		
Do do U. S. C. Court,	1	06		
Do do Oct. term,	1	10		
Recording inventory and tax list,		5	00	
Recording list of births and deaths,		1	25	
52 pages record, at 12½ cents,		6	50	
Postage on returns,		30	—	16 31
To paid Ebenezer Garvin, for services as treasurer,				4 00
To paid Ebenezer Garvin, for services as one of the selectmen:				
March. 1 day at office,	-	-	-	1 50
April. 4 days taking inventory,	-	-	-	6 00
" 4 days making taxes,	-	-	-	6 00
" 1 day making collector's book,				1 50
" 1 day at Ossipee in relation to county paupers,	-	-	-	1 50
" 1 day preparing surveyor's lists,				1 50
May. 1-2 day distributing do				75
" 11 1 day at office,	-	-	-	1 50
" 18 1 day do searching records,				1 00
" 25 Holding inquisition at Benjamin Horn's				1 00
" Making return of births and deaths, and searching records in relation to paupers,	-	-	-	2 00
June 4. Half day at poor farm,	-	-	-	75
" 17. Examining road near Noah Horn's				75
" Apportioning school money and making record,	-	-	-	2 00
Aug. 27. Journey to Mathes mill relative to bridge,				1 50
Oct. 15. Attending jury meeting,	-	-	-	50
" Searching records at Ossipee and Wakefield in relation to Paul D. Young,				2 00
" 17. 1 day at Ossipee to see county commissioners in relation to county paupers,				2 00
" 31. 1 day at Mathes mill settling bridge bills,				1 50
Nov. 20. Half day at office,	-	-	-	75
" 1 day with horse and wagon, at Mathes mill,	-	-	-	1 50
Dec. 9. Half day at office,	-	-	-	50
" 1 day at Wolfborough,	-	-	-	1 50
" 28. Correcting Jury box,	-	-	-	50
Jan. 6, 1862. 1 day with horse at north part of town in relation to the settlement of R. Brown,				1 50
Carried forward,	-	-	-	\$42 31

Brought forward,	-	-	-	\$42 31
Feb. 6. Going to Adam Brown's				75
" 1 day at north part of town settling bills,				1 00
" Settling bills and preparing town accounts,				6 00
" 20 postage stamps,	-	-	-	60— 49 85
To paid Daniel Brackett, for services as one of the selectmen :				
March. Half day at office,	-	-	-	75
April. 4 days taking inventory,	-	-	-	6 00
" 3½ days making taxes,	-	-	-	5 25
" 1 day making road lists,	-	-	-	1 50
" 1 day making school house tax in district No. 1, and recording same,				1 50
May. 1 day, with horse, distributing road lists,				2 00
" 7. Carrying Roxana Page to town farm,				1 00
" 9. 1 day to Pine River in relation to bridge,				1 00
" 25. Holding inquisition at Benjamin Horn's,				1 00
June. Carrying Roxana Page's baggage from David Page's to town farm,				1 00
Aug. 1 day at Mathes mill relative to bridge,				1 00
Oct. Attending jury meeting,	-	-	-	50
" 1 day settling bridge bills,	-	-	-	1 00
Dec. 1 day at T. L. Wentworth's (Ossipee) in relation to his petition for road,				1 50
" Revising jury list,	-	-	-	50
Jan. 1862. 1 day to north part of town in relation to the settlement of R. Brown,				1 00
Feb. 1 day, self and horse, to Wolfborough relative to the Pickering family,				2 00
" 5 postage stamps,	-	-	-	15
" Settling bills and preparing town accounts,				6 00— 34 65
To paid C. E. Swinerton, for services as one of the selectmen :				
March, 1861. Half day at office,	-	-	-	75
Do do do	-	-	-	75
Do do do	-	-	-	75
April. 1 day taking inventory,				1 50
Do do do	-	-	-	1 50
Do do do	-	-	-	1 50
Do 3 days making taxes,	-	-	-	4 50
Do 1 day making surveyor's lists,				1 50
Do Half day at office,	-	-	-	75
May. 1 day at Mathes bridge with horse,				1 50
Do Half day at office,	-	-	-	75
Do Copying inventory,	-	-	-	5 00
Do 1 day holding inquisition at Benj. Horn's,				1 00
Carried forward,	-	-	-	126 81



Brought forward,	-	-	-	-	126 81
July. Repairing Allen bridge,	-	-	-	-	50
Dec. 1 day at T. L. Wentworth's in relation to road petition,	-	-	-	-	1 50
Do Horse and wagon to do	-	-	-	-	1 50
Feb. 1862. Settling bills and preparing town acc'ts,	6	00	-	31	25
Amount paid for services of town officers,					\$158 06

## RECAPITULATION.

To paid State tax,	-	-	-	213 50
" County tax,	-	-	-	538 75
" The several school districts,	-	-	-	702 09
" For support of paupers at almshouse,	302	65		
" For support of paupers not at almshouse,	204	12		
Amount paid for support of town paupers,	506	77		
" For support of County paupers,	328	49	-	735 26
" For repairing Mathes bridge,	363	17		
" For repairing roads and bridges, exclu- sive of repairs on Mathes bridge,	41	61		
Whole amount paid for repairing roads and bridges,	404	78		
" On outstanding bills,	-	-	-	1018 81
" On sundry bills,	-	-	-	95 13
" For services of town officers,	-	-	-	158 06
				\$3866 38

## TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.

Cr.

By received of Harriet A. Maleham, April 1, on town note,	-	-	-	120 00
" Literary fund from the State,	-	-	-	110 40
" County of Carroll,	-	-	-	283 90
" Algenon S. Weeks, on his tax list for the year 1858,	-	-	-	6 62
" Alvah H. Sawyer, Samuel F. Cummings's tax for 1860,	-	-	-	2 37
" Jonathan Woodman, Feb. 12, on his note,	-	-	-	75 00
" George A. Wentworth, on town note,	-	-	-	200 00
" William Sawyer Jr., interest on surplus revenue,	-	-	-	28 74
" Isaac N. Fellows, on his tax list for 1856,	-	-	-	10 16
" Isaac T. Clark, do do 1859,	-	-	-	58 00
" Do do do 1860,	-	-	-	390 91
" William P. Burley, do do 1861,	-	-	-	2251 50
" Sally C. Weeks, on town note,	-	-	-	125 00
" Ebenezer Garvin, treasurer,	-	-	-	203 78
Total,	-	-	-	<u>\$3866 38</u>

## Dr. Town of Wakefield for Liabilities.

Due the several School Districts, interest for the year ending March, 1861, on \$737 50, of the School Fund,	44 25
Due the several Religious Societies, interest for the year ending March, 1861, on \$895 97, of the Ministerial Fund,	53 73
Due do do for the year ending March, 1862,	53 74
Due School District No. 2, for money unexpended in 1861,	76 62
Will be due James Tuttle, upon fulfilling his contract April 14, 1862, for balance on services of Peter Cook and wife, as Superintendents of the Town Farm and support of paupers on said Farm,	150 00
Will be due Isaac T. Clark for his services as Collector for 1860, when he settles his list,	19 50
Will be due Pine River Bank, April 9—12, 1862, note for \$200,	200 00
Due Charles Chesley or bearer, note and interest on demand (about)	107 00
Due Dorcas M. E. Young, do do	247 00
" Harriet A. Maleham, do do	126 40
" George A. Wentworth, do	204 00
" Sally C. Weeks, do do	127 00
" Frederick A. Copp, for labor on Copp Mill Bridge,	20 31
Will be due William P. Burley, for his services as Collector, for 1861, when he settles his list.	18 00
Due the City of Concord, for support of Harriet Cook, (estimated)	50 00
Due the Town of Wolfborough, for support of Mrs. Pickering and children, (about)	25 00
Due S. S. Parker, (Chester) for balance due for support of Miss Abby Wentworth, for the year 1861,	17 00
Due Ebenezer Garvin, Treasurer,	203 78
Total amount of liabilities,	\$1743 32



Town of Wakefield, By Moneys due.		Cr.
Due from Jonathan Woodman, balance on two notes bearing date December 11, 1858,		163 30
Do Isaac N. Fellows, balance on his list of taxes for 1856, - - -		1 54
Do Algenon S. Weeks, balance on his list of taxes for 1858, - - -		1 68
Do Isaac T. Clark, balance on his list of taxes for 1859, - - -		6 00
Do Isaac T. Clark, do 1860, - - -		123 66
Do Samuel W. Roberts, for liquor on hand, as per his report Feb. 14, 1862, - - -		51 31
Do County of Carroll, for support of Ann Connolly, - - -		72 00
Do do for support of Moses Copp, - - -		40 00
Do Owners of Copp Mill, in part for repairing bridge, - - -		60 00
Do County of Carroll, for support of James Quimby and Sally Hodgdon, - - -		60 00
Do William P. Burley, balance on his list of taxes for 1861, - - -		553 70
Total amount due, - - - -		\$1133 19
Liabilities brought forward, - - - -		\$1743 32
Moneys due, - - - -		1133 19
Leaving a balance against the town of - - - -		\$610 13
Exclusive of \$1633 47 due as ministerial and school funds.		

Respectfully submitted by the undersigned :

EBENEZER GARVIN,	} Selectmen
DANIEL BRACKETT,	
CHARLES E. SWINERTON,	
	of
	Wakefield.

*Wakefield, Feb. 19, 1862.*

We, the subscribers, auditors of the town of Wakefield, having carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, report that we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

AMASA COPP,  
JOHN TREDICK,  
JOHN W. SANBORN,

List of Surveyors of Highways in Wakefield, with the amount of Summer Highway Taxes remaining unpaid, the names of the delinquents in each district, with their respective delinquencies.

District No. 1	Charles Moulton, surveyor.		
	Due from Thomas S. Young,	- -	98
Do 2	William A. Maleham, surveyor, all worked out.		
Do 3	John K. Tibbetts, surveyor,	do	
Do 4	Isaac D. Watson, surveyor.		
	Due from John W. Garvin,	- -	98
	Due from Edwin M. Tibbetts,	- -	98
Do 5	Samuel Yeaton, surveyor.		
	Due from Franklin S. Weeks,	- -	98
Do 6	Asa W. Hill, surveyor.		
	Due from Thomas W. Hill,	- -	1 62
Do 7	Noah Horn, surveyor, all worked out.		
Do 8	Jeremiah Ricker, surveyor,	do	
Do 9	Nahum Nason, surveyor.		
	Due from John Davis,	- -	5 30
Do 10	Brackett M. Weeks, surveyor.		
	Due from Erastus Cottle,	1 19	
	" Phineas J. Weeks,	51	
	" Nathan J. Weeks,	25—1 95	
Do 11	Stephen A. Wentworth, surveyor.		
	Due from John D. Waldron,	98	
	" Peter H. Campernell,	98—1 96	
Do 12	James L. Libbey, surveyor, all worked out.		
Do 13	Joseph S. Wentworth, surveyor,	do	
Do 14	Joseph Spinney, surveyor, no return.		
Do 15	Ira Hanson, surveyor.		
	Due from I. Hanson,	1 74	
	" Charles E. Ames,	98	
	" Aaron Nason,		
	" John S. Philbrick,	98	
	" John L. Goudy,	1 01	
	" Heirs of Thomas Goudy,	41	
	" Samuel B. Ames,	50—5 62	
Do 16	Warren Nutter, surveyor.		
	Due from James Thompson,	1 73	
Do 17	John Dore, surveyor, all worked out.		
Do 18	Jonathan Gage, surveyor,	do	
Do 19	Simon Fernald, surveyor, no return.		
Do 20	Nathan Libbey, surveyor, all worked out.		
Do 21	Josiah Wiggan, surveyor,	do	
Carried forward,	- - -		\$22 10

Brought forward,	-	-	-	-	\$22 10
District No. 22	Alpheus Wiggin,	surveyor,	no return.		
Do 23	Noah K. Nutter,	do	do		
Do 24	Joseph Wentworth,	do	do		
Do 25	Aziah Willey,	do	do		
Do 26	Reuben L. Cooper,	do	all worked out.		
Do 27	John Gilman,	do	do		
Do 28	John C. Waldron,	do			
	Due from William H. Wentworth,				98
Do 29	Charles A. Wentworth,	surveyor.			
Do 30	Charles T. Rines,	do	all worked out.		
Do 31	Satchel Weeks,	do	do		
Do 32	Hiram Jones,	do	no return,		
Total,	-	-	-	-	\$23 08

Statement showing the ordinary expenses of the Town  
for the current year.

Total amount of expenditures,	-	-	\$3866 38
Deduct for State and County taxes,	-	-	752 25
" Literary fund,	-	-	110 40
" County paupers,	-	-	283 90
" Paid on outstanding bills,		1018 81	
" Town of Wolfborough, for support of			
Kimball family,	-	-	27 70
" Paid city of Dover, for support of Mrs.			
Evans and family,	-	-	36 70
" Expense of repairing Mathes bridge,		363 17	
" Marston Ames, for damage to horse,		20 00	
" Alvah H. Sawyer, as referee in Ames			
case,	-	-	1 00
" 3 witnesses in Ames case,		1 00	
" Colt's revolver presented Wm. H. Lane,	14	93-2629	86
Ordinary expenses of the town for the current year,			\$1236 52

Expenses of Paupers chargeable to the town for the  
year ending Feb. 20, 1862.

For salary of superintendents and for support of paupers			
at almshouse, as per contract,	-	-	400 00
For support of paupers not at almshouse,	-	-	204 12
" Samuel W. Roberts' medical services,	-	-	5 83
" Isaac D. Watson, bill for repairs,	-	-	2 13
Carried forward,	-	-	\$612 08



Brought forward,	-	-	-	\$612 08
" George Gage, bill for nails,	-	-	-	1 58
" John Wingate, bill for merchandise	-	-	-	2 83
" Peter Cook, bill for boarding Roxana Page,				21 00
" Do do Harriet Quimby,				12 38
" Interest on estimated value of town farm,				60 00
				<u>\$709 87</u>

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Statement of Town Indebtedness, including estimated  
Liabilities.

For balance due from town as per foregoing account				
audited,	-	-	-	610 13
For road bills, estimated at	-	-	-	5 00
Printing town accounts and abatements,	-	-	-	85 00
Showing the actual indebtedness of the town to be				<u>\$700 13</u>

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Names of Paupers at Almshouse.

Daniel Quimby, aged 76 years,	Mehitable Quimby, aged 56 yrs.
James Quimby, " 67 "	Sally Hodgdon, " 62 "
Nathaniel Burbank, 55 "	Mary Wentworth, " 51 "
Asa Hutchins, 52 "	

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
OF  
**WAKEFIELD,**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1862.**

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The war-cloud that has gathered so suddenly to intercept the bright prospects of our nation, like a thunder storm at mid-day, has arrested the attention of every community and become the subject of all-absorbing and painful interest. At such a time, when the minds of all are kept in a state of anxious suspense, ready to hear some thrilling or tragic news from the seat of war, your Committee, as in duty bound, respectfully submit to the citizens of the town, this annual report on the condition and success of the Public Schools. We may not claim for anything we shall be able to combine in such a report, more than a passing notice; but if ever there is a time when Christian philanthropists can make a more just estimate of the value of our system of free schools, and better understand how they have failed to produce the best results, it is, we think, the present time. Now, if ever, they can derive lessons of wisdom from passing events, and perceive most clearly how important it is to combine in the system of primary instruction all the essential elements of education. Every attentive observer may see how that knowledge which is separate from principle, becomes power for evil,—he may see it in the recreancy that has become the occasion of such an enormous waste of treasure, and of valuable lives too, in the various departments of civil and military government. It is the wiser policy to sustain the interests of education, and faithfully use the best means of forming character, even now, than to depend on accomplishing the more difficult work of reforming it. At this most eventful period in the history of our nation, it may indeed be regarded as reasonable, that some unwonted interest should be felt in the movements of the vast army of brave soldiers, on whose prompt action and heroic deeds the very life of the republic is now suspended. When the resources of the whole nation are laid under tribute for their subsistence, and the eyes of all the nations are turned towards the scenes of their bloody strife—when, too, all the tyrants of earth

are ready to exult in the overthrow of our system of government, and the wronged and oppressed in every land are looking with intense solicitude for the hour of decision, when the results of our conflict shall foreshadow their destiny—if there is one drop of patriotic or philanthropic blood in our veins, we cannot fail to feel some indescribable interest in the terrible warfare in which our nation is involved. And may we not do this, and at the same time cherish some interest in the rising race—in the young hearts that beat quick with a generous impulse, and that are susceptible of high aspirings? They have a warfare before them, and they are enlisted in it. Life is that warfare in which they must bear toil and suffering, and meet the conflict with deadly foes. The swarming thousands of young competitors, now connected with the public schools, are in a course of training for the active service into which they will soon be mustered to fill the places of those whose day of conflict is fast coming to a close. We have no vision of a prophet, in which we can now predict with what magnanimity they will meet their conflicts and achieve their victories: but assured we are, that they have a destiny for which they need to be prepared. When, in the inscrutable providence of God, events are transpiring that put the faith of patriots and Christians to the trial, who that has a benevolent heart, must not feel some deep and tender solicitude in their behalf? They are to assume responsibilities, if not such as are now pressing on the men of this generation, yet such as will be found of momentous import. May the day of their active service dawn under brighter skies, when the smoke shall have passed away from the battle-field, and the desolations of war shall have been repaired. But whatever shall be assigned in the lot of their inheritance,—if only moral conflicts are to be met, or, if a harder destiny should be theirs, they will need a thorough training. The work in which their character is to be formed, and they are to be furnished with such an amount of knowledge, with such principles of upright integrity, and such a spirit of endurance as are demanded by a destiny like theirs, is a work of vast importance. It is a work on which the best agencies should be concentrated. The district schools are accomplishing a part in this work that is indispensable. They are performing their drill to prepare forces, who will, we trust, become the guardians and defenders of all that is dear to humanity in our free institutions.

Several of the schools have gone through their limited terms of service for the current year. Others are still in operation.

A brief account of their respective operations will be given in the following review.

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

Teacher of Summer Term, Miss Rowena D Farnham. Miss Farnham has furnished herself with good qualifications, that have



been tested by experience. She kept for this district a profitable school.

Teacher of Winter Term, John Copp, Esq. Mr. Copp was accredited as the successful teacher of this school last year. His school is now in operation, and in a state of progress. An attentive observer of the manner of conducting the exercises of this school, will soon discover that it is not the design of the teacher to assist his pupils in obtaining a superficial knowledge of the greatest amount of surface, but rather to aid them in acquiring a thorough knowledge of a more limited extent. The teacher's methods are his own, but we think they are the result of experience and skill in guiding the youthful mind in the pursuit of knowledge. In the reading lessons, and in recitations, pupils are left to make trial of their own ability, before receiving aid; and often in the recitation that requires memory and judgment, they are left long enough to get a little perplexed. So, in spelling, the pupil gets no assistance, after a word has been pronounced properly, by any attempt to vary the vowel sounds, so as to indicate the true method. This method requires time, and may for a season diminish the number of exercises, but it will in the result be found most favorable to progress. Some pupils in this school, whose minds do not seize upon the first principles of knowledge, with an intuitive glance, have received an impulse, and are making commendable improvements. The general progress of the school is good.

Summer Term, length, nine weeks. Whole number of scholars, 37. Average attendance, 30.

Winter Term, length, ten weeks. Whole number of scholars, 38. Average attendance, 28.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

Teacher of Summer Term, Miss Martha A. Hale. Miss Hale performed the duties of a teacher with untiring patience and imparted instruction with great fidelity, and it is thought that the average improvement of the school was good. With a little more thoroughness in discipline, in a school like this, we should love to accredit to Miss Hale the success of an excellent teacher.

Teacher of Winter Term, Miss N. T. Knowles. This school, under the care of a female teacher, is favored with a term of unusual length. At its commencement, it was found in a well organized and active state. When visited last, there were indications of progress, and manifest improvement in discipline. The teacher, by her active energy and manner of communicating instruction, has awakened an interest in her pupils; and we feel assured that at the close of the school, there will be evidence of very creditable results.

This is the most favored school in town. It has the best house, and receives the largest appropriation. We must claim from it an

example and progress in proportion to its advantages. The irregularities in attendance, are not so great as last year. Two pupils—Martha Copp and Florence Twitchell—merit commendation for their constant regularity. The benevolent citizens who have set out ornamental trees, around the schoolhouse, need not wait for the thanks of those who walk beneath their shade in future time. Every passer-by will accredit them with a good deed.

Summer Term, length, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 35. Average attendance, 27.

Winter Term, length, nineteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, 38. Average attendance, 28.

### DISTRICT No. 3.

This district contains but a small number of scholars, and, as usual, had but one term. The school was kept in two separate parts of the district, so that the whole number of scholars did not attend the whole term.

Teacher, Miss M. Fannie Campnell.

The pupils in attendance at the closing examination, were quite young. There was evidence of their improvement.

This district have erected a schoolhouse, and finished the outside during the year at an expense of about \$300. It is supposed that some \$75 or \$100 more will be required to complete the finish of the inside. This house may furnish good accommodations for the present number of scholars in the district, and we are exceedingly glad to be able to report it in so good a state of progress, but from an outside view we think the district have not made a very liberal provision for any essential increase in their population.

Summer school, length, ten and one-half weeks. Whole number of scholars, 18. Average attendance, 12.

### DISTRICT No. 4.

Teacher of Summer Term, Miss Annie F. Swinerton. Miss Swinerton manifested a kind interest in behalf of her pupils, when this school was visited. At the close of a very short term, there was evidence of progress. Some scholars made good improvement.

Teacher of Winter Term, Mr. Asa M. Brackett. Mr. Brackett was the teacher of this school last year, and has met the responsibilities of a second term with marked success. His discipline was uniform and thorough, and his method of teaching good. The progress of the school was very commendable. It contains some good scholars for their advantages. They need to make the most of the short terms allotted to them.

It is thought that the time for a reconstruction of the schoolhouse in this district ought not to be very far distant.

Summer school, length, six weeks. Whole number of scholars,  
22. Average attendance, 17.

Winter Term, length, seven weeks. Whole number of scholars,  
21. Average attendance, 17.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Teacher of Summer Term, Miss Lizzie C. Farnham. Miss Farnham performed the duties of a second term in her home district, with a well sustained interest. The order of the school was good. Twenty of the pupils are reported as having passed through the term free from the evil habit of whispering. Several were thought worthy of commendation for their studious habits and good progress. The average improvement was good.

Teacher of Winter Term, Miss Rowena D. Farnham. Miss Farnham "is apt to teach." She communicates instruction with accuracy and promptness. Her most advanced class in common arithmetic were examined in Colburn's Mental Arithmetic, and were found ready to perform the most difficult of these operations in an approved method—an exercise that cannot fail to be of great practical benefit. Five pupils in this school attended to Algebra; two or three to Geometry; two to History; two to Composition, and one to French, who recited out of school time. It is thought that these scholars did not commence such branches in advance of their attainments. A studious habit was awakened and sustained in this school, with unabated ardor to the close of the term. Both teachers in this district had been employed to teach here the preceding year; and we think it a wise policy to secure the services of good teachers for successive years. The parents of the district have good reason to be satisfied with the teachers employed the past year; but we think there is no reason why they should remain satisfied with a school house which subjects the school to so many inconveniences and discomforts. There is timber enough in the surrounding forests, and there are strong arms enough in this district, to fashion it into a good house, such as a large school like this absolutely needs.

Summer Term, length, ten weeks. Whole number of scholars,  
33. Average attendance, 28.

Winter Term, length, nine and five-sixths weeks. Whole number of scholars, 55. Average attendance, 49.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

Teacher of Summer Term, Miss ———.\* This school was interrupted for a season by a prevailing epidemic. A new teacher, but well qualified. Her discipline was mild but firm, and her man-

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\*Register not returned.



ner of teaching good. The progress of the school was very creditable

Teacher of Winter school, Miss L. Maria Mason. Miss Mason has had the experience of several years in teaching, and has acquired the skill of conducting the exercises of the school with prompt interest. The school is now in operation. When visited last, it was found in a very prosperous state; under good discipline, and thorough instruction. We predict for it good results at the close of the term. Several pupils are well advanced in arithmetic. Colburn's Mental is taught with success and profit—two in Algebra.

Summer school, length, seven weeks. Whole number, of scholars, 27. Average attendance, 21.

Winter Term, length, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 44. Average attendance, 37.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

Teacher of Summer Term, Miss Sarah L. Brooks. A teacher new and young, who possesses due literary qualifications. The active energy of the teacher, and the state of the school at its commencement, encouraged the expectation of good results. The Committee received no notice of the close of the term.

Teacher of Winter Term, Miss Lucie C. Cook. This school is now progressing under the instruction of a good teacher. Miss Cook performs her duty with the manifest intention that her pupils shall learn what they learn thoroughly. The most advanced class in arithmetic, have an exercise in Colburn's Mental, and recite in the right manner. We feel assured that there will be evidence of a profitable school at the close of the term.

Summer Term, length, six weeks. Whole number of scholars, 25. Average attendance, 22.

Winter Term, length, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 34. Average attendance, 27.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

Teacher of Summer Term, Miss Lucie C. Cook. The first term of a new teacher,—her success was good. The discipline of the school and the teacher's manner of communicating instruction, were such as raised the expectation that she will become a very useful teacher.

Teacher of Winter Term, Miss Susan M. Stevens. This is the second year Miss Stevens has been employed by this district. She is now conducting the exercises of the school with an awakened and a well sustained interest. She is an earnest teacher, who assigns to her pupils lessons that will tax them with some continued effort, and by an unyielding demand, holds them to a due preparation. No injury is inflicted by such a requirement, when the teach-

er understands the capacity of her pupils. It is then a positive benefit. This school has already been examined at a review, before a short vacation, and afforded evidence of very good improvement; we have no doubt that there will be results at its close, that will merit commendation. The parents of this district manifest a true interest in their school. They have provided board and fuel gratuitously, and by this means, have terms of unusual length. They have also visited their school. We should be happy to record such improvements for every district.

Summer Term, length, nine weeks. Whole number of scholars, 14. Average attendance, 11.

Winter Term, length, eighteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, 24. Average attendance, 16.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

Teacher of Summer Term, Miss Nancy M. Knowles. The place where the pupils in this district are required to perform their daily tasks, in the pursuit of knowledge, is too straight for them. The teacher's work is, by this means, made more difficult. It is hardly possible to maintain such order and precision in the operations of the school as are essential to the greatest success. The teacher performed her work with active energy and with good results. She was employed to keep a private school for the district after closing the summer term.

Teacher of Winter Term, Mr. David S. Farnham. Mr. Farnham commenced his term of service in the face of difficulties that are somewhat discouraging, but with a fixed purpose to maintain proper discipline. At the closing examination, there was evidence in the orderly and quiet appearance of the school, that his efforts had been attended with a good degree of success. There was evidence also, that his instruction had been thorough. The improvement was good. We do not estimate the amount of progress by the amount of surface gone over. The economy practiced by this district, is directly the opposite of that liberality, or "charity which is twice blest." It is twice injurious. It inflicts a positive injury upon the children; and then it becomes injurious to parents. They are losing their interest in the school. Were the children in the respective families of the district subjected to as many discomforts and depressing influences in the home circle, as they are in the school-room, parents would begin to be troubled. It might not be expected that when they come to pass away from the scenes of childhood, that they would often have their hearts attuned to the song of "sweet home." Nor may it be expected that they will carry with them very fond recollections of the place where they commenced their education. If the tenement with one room, which furnished accommodations for four families might be thought a little inconvenient, when

one of the families that lived over the line, in one corner, began to take boarders, we think there is just cause for complaint in regard to the accommodations provided for this school. It seems absurd, that respectable citizens, who manage every other enterprise wisely, should rest satisfied with such a house.

Summer school, length, ten weeks. Whole number of scholars, 63. Average attendance, 48.

Winter Term, length, eight and four-fifths weeks. Whole number of scholars, 56. Average attendance, 49. Instances of tardiness, 289!!

#### DISTRICT No. 10.

Teacher of Summer Term, Miss Susan H. Cook. This was the first school ever kept by Miss Cook in the home district. She was industrious in her efforts to benefit the children committed to her care, and discharged her duty with a good measure of success.

Teacher of Winter School, Mr. Benj. B. Newell. A new teacher, who came to his work duly qualified, and performed it with the approval of all concerned. His discipline was firm, and his method of teaching good. He kept for this district a profitable school.

The Winter Term was prolonged by the liberality of parents, in furnishing board gratuitously.

Summer School, length, six weeks; whole number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 12.

Winter Term, length, ten and four-fifths weeks; whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 15.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

This district comprises a class of pupils that are quite young, and who are not yet provided with a schoolhouse. The school was kept during summer and fall in a private room—divided by a short vacation. Teacher, Miss Sarah S. Campnell. This was her first school. She manifested a kind interest in the care and instruction of her pupils, and it is thought, gave general satisfaction. At the closing examination, there was found evidence of improvement.

Summer Term, length, ten weeks; whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 12.

The whole number of scholars attending summer schools, 316. Average attendance, 245. Whole number attending winter schools, including nine districts, 329. Average attendance, 260. Whole number of different scholars attending school, in town, during the year, 410. The whole amount appropriated for the support of schools the past year, \$789.02. Average amount for each scholar, \$1.92. Several districts had their terms essentially prolonged by gratuitous aid in board and fuel. This, certainly, is a wise economy, when it can be practiced without too great inconvenience to the teacher.



The larger number of the schools have had their operations conducted under the drill of teachers who came to their work with an earnest purpose, and we feel assured that the results will bear a favorable comparison with those of any preceding year. These teachers have earnestly sought the advancement of their pupils, not only in intellectual attainment, but in a correct deportment and an upright integrity. They have communicated moral and religious instruction; and in as many as eight schools kept during the year, teachers have offered prayer daily in connection with the reading of the Scriptures. In others a good moral influence has been exerted. We are happy to report some advancement in this most vital part of education. The Committee has thought it proper, with a regard to the interests of the schools, to recommend Brown's Grammar, as a classic, to take the place of Weld's Grammar, and also Quackenbos' History of the United States, to take the place of Goodrich's or any other history that has been used.

At this time of retrenchment, your Committee has been admonished, by due authority, that the printer's bill must come into the estimate, and, of course, we are bound to curtail a little in the amount of paper, because that authority regards brevity as a saving virtue. Thus circumscribed, we know not with what chosen words to enforce upon teachers, and parents, and citizens, the practical duties that bear on the great interests of education.

In our review of the schools, we have had an abiding and ever deepening conviction, that the work performed by teachers, is a work of the highest importance. It is a work for which peculiar endowments and the best qualifications should be sought with the most sedulous endeavors. Those teachers who come to it with but half a purpose, and those, too, who take but little care about their preparation, and who think but little of the responsibility it involves, should pause and beware. They may not mar and desecrate a work which can be perfected to almost indefinite degrees of excellence, and the beauty of holliness even, by skilful hands. The artist is set to polish diamonds and gems that may sparkle in the diadems of princes. Teachers are set to perform a work of higher responsibility. It is theirs to shape and polish intelligent minds, that have a moral destiny, and that may be prepared to shine forever above the brightness of the firmament. Let parents be reminded, too, that they share a part in this work, that is full of interest. What other work on their hands is so full of encouragement? In what other way can they confer more important benefits upon their posterity, upon their country, and upon the church of God? We have been happy to report an increasing interest on the part of parents in several districts. May it not be diminished at such a time as the present. The cause of education suffered a great loss during the Revolution. It is sustaining an incalculable loss in the seceding States at the present time. But these precious interests must never



be neglected in New England. Who that discerns the signs of the present time, must not feel that they need to be protected with redoubled vigilance? Other enterprises, in which material wealth, and ambitious aims, are sought, are coming to a failure. A failure in this good enterprise, would be a disaster of more serious import. It will be sustained. The noble system that confers its blessings so freely on a mass of youthful minds, that will so soon act their part in the drama of life, contains a self-sustaining power. It commends itself to the benevolent sympathies of the generous, and of the good, and secures patrons in every enlightened community. It has patrons in this community, who should never cease to watch its operations with untiring vigilance. It is worthy of such patronage. What more exalted privilege—what higher honor, can be conferred upon the men of wealth and influence, than that of sharing some part in the education of youth, and fitting them to receive the high trust that will soon be committed to their hands? It is a work of purer benevolence to enrich intelligent minds with knowledge and virtue, than to rear up monuments of fame. True educators are among the benefactors of the race.

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